

## Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument Vegetation Map Class for Quaking Aspen Forest

The map class "[Quaking Aspen Forest](#)" is composed of the following vegetation associations, each described separately:

- [Quaking Aspen Forest](#)
- [Quaking Aspen / Common Juniper Forest](#)

This map unit occupies mesic sites such as the heads of drainages, moist slopes along the margins of stands of *Picea pungens* / *Juniperus communis* (Colorado Blue Spruce / Common Juniper) Forest and *Pseudotsuga menziesii* / *Juniperus communis* (Douglas-fir / Common Juniper) Forest, and some shallow drainages. Slopes are shallow to moderately steep. The aspects vary a great deal, but stands are more common on northeast to northwest exposures. Individual and small clones of quaking aspen are intermixed into many other forest and woodland types in the monument. The elevation range occupied includes that of the monument, from approximately 8450 feet to 8765 feet.